

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RULES FOR USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

GENERAL RULES

1. Playgrounds – Patrons must use age-appropriate playground equipment.
2. Deposit trash in trash receptacles.
3. Alcoholic beverages and unauthorized sale/distribution of food products are not permitted on school grounds.
4. Organized athletic activities must be played on designated athletic fields only.

ATHLETIC FIELD RULES*

1. The scheduling of organized sport groups and the issuance of permits to those groups shall be in accord with guidelines provided by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Permits are issued by the Fairfax County Department of Recreation and Community Services. Permit holders shall have first rights for the use of the fields to which they have been assigned. A field not being utilized by a permit holder may be used by others, including the “walk-on” public.
2. Hitting, throwing or kicking balls into fences is not allowed.
3. Golfing, pets or motorized vehicles are not allowed on fields.
4. Play on fields is prohibited during wet or inclement weather.
5. Field maintenance is prohibited without prior approval from the FCPS.
6. Deposit trash in trash receptacles.
7. Climbing on the fences, backstops and goals is not allowed.
8. After all athletic play, portable goals (soccer, field hockey, or lacrosse) used on athletic fields will either be properly stored off the athletic field using chains to mitigate any turnover risk or physically removed from the site.
9. Competitive recreation – baseball, softball, basketball, football, lacrosse, hockey, tennis, soccer and other active competitive sports -- is allowed only on the FCPS designated athletic facilities during regular operating hours.
10. Field closings for maintenance, safety or other reasons deemed appropriate for the management and protection of property shall be at the discretion of Fairfax County Public Schools.
11. For patron safety, only players, coaches, umpires and referees are allowed on athletic fields. All spectators, pets and others are to remain at least 15 feet from the boundary of the field, or outside a perimeter fence.
12. In interest of public health and in accordance with relevant code and ordinances, designated bathroom facilities shall be used.
13. School PTA's and boosters have the first right of refusal on sales of concessions on school property. The school may grant sale of concessions by an outside group through a concession stand agreement form available at the school.
14. FCPS reserves the right to restrict access to grounds due to inappropriate behavior.

*The rules above pertain to all our fields except for designated high school athletic fields that are restricted for school and authorized community use – such as the stadium field.

Questions regarding the above information should be directed to the FCPS Office of Community Use – 703-246-3873.